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Concord Accident Involving Tractor Trailer 1-26-2011

On January 26, 2011 at 0406 Hrs., the Lake County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the eastbound lanes of I-90 and the 203 mile marker in Concord Township in reference to an injury accident involving a passenger car and a semi-tractor trailer. Fire Departments from Concord Township and Leroy Township also responded. Deputies arrived to find a USF Holland Inc., commercial line semi- tractor trailer, pulled off on the shoulder with the front end of a silver, Buick Rendezvous severely wedged underneath the rear bumper of the tractor trailer. The adult male operator and sole occupant of the semi-tractor trailer had claimed no injury. He was a resident from Illinois. The adult male operator and lone occupant of the Buick, a Mentor resident, was entrapped inside the driver's seat. The Fire Departments were able to extricate the driver by mechanical means at which time he was transported to Tri-Point Hospital before being transported via ambulance to Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland. He was conscious with minor visible injury. This investigation does show that the point of impact for the crash was two thirds of a mile west of the scene as determined by a debris field. Following impact, the severe compartment intrusion caused the Buick to drag behind until the tractor trailer operator could safely slow down and pull to the roadway shoulder. Causitive factors of the crash remain under investigation.

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